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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for processing information, comprising:
an information acquisition means for acquiring multimedia information having a
structure of block data including a header area and a data area holding data;
a data extractor means for extracting desired data from the multimedia
information acquired by the information acquisition means, through searching, based on the
content described in the header area of the multimedia information; and
a reproducing means for reproducing the data extracted by the data extractor
means,

wherein said desired data includes data without any links,

~~An apparatus for processing information according to claim 1,~~

wherein the data area of one piece of block data stores at least one piece of block data while the header area of one piece of block data has a structure in which block name identification information describing a name identifying the content of at least current block data, child block data count identification information indicating the number of pieces of child block

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data stored in the data area of the current block data, and data length identification information indicating the data length are arranged in a predetermined order, and

wherein the data extractor means searches for data to be extracted, based on the block name identification information, the child block data count identification information, and the data length identification information.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method for processing multimedia information, comprising the steps of:

acquiring, from outside, multimedia information, having a structure of block data, including a header area and a data area holding data;

extracting, through searching, desired data from the multimedia information acquired through the acquiring step, based on the content described in the header area of the multimedia information; and

reproducing the data extracted by the data extracting step,

wherein said desired data includes data without any links,

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~~A method for processing multimedia information, according to claim 6,~~

wherein the data area of one piece of block data stores at least one piece of block data while the header area of one piece of block data has a structure in which block name identification information describing a name identifying the content of at least current block data, child block data count identification information indicating the number of pieces of child block data stored in the data area of the current block data, and data length identification information indicating the data length are arranged in a predetermined order, and

wherein the data extracting step searches for data to be extracted, based on the block name identification information, the child block data count identification information, and the data length identification information.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A recording medium for recording desired data extracted from multimedia information, having a structure of block data, including a header area and a data area holding data,

wherein said desired data includes data without any links, and

~~A recording medium according to claim 10,~~ wherein the data area of one piece of block data stores at least one piece of block data while the header area of one piece of block data has a

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structure in which block name identification information describing a name identifying the content of at least current block data, child block data count identification information indicating the number of pieces of child block data stored in the data area, and data length identification information indicating the data length of the current block data are arranged in a predetermined order.

13. (Canceled)